



# **MONKS COPPENHALL ACADEMY**

## **WEEKLY UPDATE**



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Mrs Simpson Absence**

Mrs Simpson is now making good progress with her recovery. She is in daily contact with the Academy, and will be returning very soon.

### **Attendance Champions**

Our Attendance Champions for week-ending 15<sup>th</sup> March were:

EY/KS1 – Mrs Thornhill's class – 98.8%

KS2 – Mrs Kelly's class – 98.1%

Very well done.

### **School Dinner Menu**

Week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March will be **week 3** on the dinner menu. A copy of the menu is posted on the Academy website: [www.monks Coppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.monks Coppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk).

### **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Interventions Feedback**

Earlier this week, a parent/carer feedback sheet was sent home seeking your views on the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health provision within the Academy. We would be grateful if you would please return your completed feedback forms to the Academy by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Uniform**

It has been noted that an increasing number of children are wearing trainers at school, which are not part of our Academy uniform. Please note that children cannot earn their Smilies if they are not in full uniform, which includes BLACK shoes. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Phonics Workshop – Nursery Parents/Carers**

It was wonderful to see so many of our Nursery parents/carers and grandparents attending the Phonics Workshops on Monday and Tuesday. The children really enjoyed showing their phonic skills and 'jumping across the river'. We hope that you found the sessions both informative and useful. Many thanks for your valued comments.

### **'Singfest' Performance – Year 3 Classes**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 3 children enjoyed taking part in the 'Singfest' event at the Lyceum Theatre. The children had been working very hard during rehearsals at school. At the event, our children stood on the stage together and sang beautifully and confidently to the audience. We were all very proud of them.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Parents/carers of our Year 4 children, please be reminded that the Times Tables Rock Stars Workshop will be taking place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm. Please come to the main office.

### **'Gingerbread Socks' – Downs Syndrome Charity Event**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the Academy supported National Downs Syndrome Day. The children and staff were invited to come to school wearing brightly coloured socks in recognition of the condition. A representative from the Downs Syndrome charity presented a special assembly to our KS2 children. We also sold the official Downs Syndrome Gingerbread Sock biscuits, which had been donated by Roberts Bakery. All proceeds from the sale will be given to the charity.

### **'My World' Project**

The My World children really enjoyed their trip to Barclay's Radbroke Hall. During the day, they went into the command centre, where three lucky individuals got to control the lights (just like traffic lights, when they turned to red all the computer technicians stopped), and had a tour of the technology park. India said this was her favourite part. They also rehearsed for next week's graduation ceremony.

### **Comic Relief Event**

The total amount raised from our Comic Relief 'Wear an item of Red' event was in excess £265. This money has been donated to the Comic Relief Charity. Thank you for your support.

### **F.O.M. Family Easter Bingo Night – (Note change of date)**

**On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, the F.O.M are holding a Family Bingo Night in the Academy Main Hall. **Doors will open at 5.00pm, Eyes Down at 5.15pm.** There will be adult bingo, children's bingo and a colouring competition, all with lovely Easter themed prizes. A raffle will also take place. Refreshments including hotdogs, tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be available to purchase. Come along and enjoy a fun packed family evening.

### **F.O.M. Meeting**

'Friends of Monks' will be meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am, here at the Academy. All parents/carers/friends of the Academy are welcome to attend. Come along and join the friendly group. Your time and contributions would be much appreciated.

### **Share a Story**

Share-a-Story for our **Year 1** parents/carers takes place every **Friday from 2:30pm**, in the new library. Please meet at Year 1 entrance.

Share-a-Story for our **Early Year** parents/carers takes place each **Monday from 2.30pm**, in the new library. Please come to the main entrance (office area).

It is lovely to see so many parents/carers attending and enjoying these sessions each week.

### **Parking**

Please can parents/carers be courteous and thoughtful when parking on the roads near to the Academy. We have received complaints of cars being parked on the white zig zag lines outside the main gate. Please do not block pavements and driveways. Residents have asked the local PCSO to patrol and carry out spot checks.

### **Free School Meals**

If you feel that you might be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the Cheshire East Free School Meal Service on 0300 123 5012. If you are eligible, they will contact the Academy. Children in Early Years and KS1, who automatically receive Universal Free School Meals, may also be entitled to the above means tested Free School Meals. It is important that you register for Free School Meals as the system brings extra funding into school which is spent on the child.

### **Holidays in Term Time**

It should be that the Academy does NOT authorise holidays/leave of absence during term time, unless the absence is due to exceptional circumstances. Any requests made for a child's holiday to be taken during term time, which is not considered by the Principal to be in exceptional circumstances, will be recorded as unauthorised. This could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by Cheshire East Council -£60 for each child, per parent/carer – initially.

<b>Penalties for Unauthorised Absence</b>		
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>One Child</b>	<b>Two Children</b>
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent/carer – initially	£60 per child - £120 per parent/carer
After 28 days	£120 per parent/carer	£120 per child - £240 per parent
If fine is still not paid	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds that parents have failed to secure their child's regular attendance. If parents/carers are found guilty of this offence in the Magistrates' Court, on conviction they will have a criminal record and may receive a fine of up to £1000.	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds that parents have failed to secure their child's regular attendance. If parents/carers are found guilty of this offence in the Magistrates' Court, on conviction they will have a criminal record and may receive a fine of up to £1000.

## **Academy Diary Dates**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit to Nantwich Museum	Year 2 – EMC class
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit to Nantwich Museum	Year 2 – AF/AP class
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Times Tables Rock Stars – 3.15pm	Year 4 classes
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Cheerleading Competition at SWS 2.30 – 4.40pm	Cheerleading Squad
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Kingswood Residential Presentation Meeting - 2.00pm	Year 6 parents/carers invited
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	'My World' Project Graduation Event	Invited Year 5 children
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Bog Baby Goodbye Party – 2.30pm	Early Years classes Parents/carers invited
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	F.O.M Family Easter Bingo Night Fundraising Event 5.00 – 6.30pm	All families invited
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Themed Lunch	Whole Academy
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Break-up for Easter Holidays	Whole Academy
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Academy re-opens	Whole Academy
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Academy Photographers to photograph Year 6 and Early Years children for Graduation photos	Year 6 and Early Years children only
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Visit to Jodrell Bank	Year 1 classes

Yours sincerely



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